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By Staff Writer

Down under this week Australian Prime Minister Menzies made a speech which came as a surprise to a great many Britishers. Referring to popular belief concerning relations between Australia and Japan he struck out at the peculiar war psychology of people which sees in a potential enemy an actual and inevitable enemy.

Mr. Menzies' speech, in which he declared that war with Japan was not an inevitable fact, indicates a far healthier attitude than that of many Canadians, Americans or Australians. We may go to war with Japan in the Pacific—many experts believe that we shall. But in preparing ourselves for such a war, it's a grave mistake to decide that there is no possible escape from such a war. That frame of mind only brings the war closer. Peace time is not the only time for a "positive will to peace." We can use that "will" as an invaluable strategic weapon to guard one flank when we are already engaged in a war upon the other.

International line-ups have been known to change with startling rapidity in this day and age. We owe it to ourselves not to work ourselves into such a frame of mind as to slam the door absolutely tight upon any chance for peace rather than war.

Pertinent Note . . . from Americanisei... The Nisei press down south point with pride to the fact that Japanese Americans have a larger percentage of young men entering the army under Uncle Sam's military training program than any other racial or community group. They attribute this to the very favorable age distribution, and point with equal pride that no cases of "draft dodging" or unwillingness to serve have yet come to notice.

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Spring, 'tis said, has come to Vancouver, and 'tis good to feel merry conglomeration of gusty winds and tickling rain and striving sun. Still at this season one regrets not having seen and felt the winter—a real winter that one knew for eighteen changing, yet unchanging years.

Truth to tell, I have a hard time of it stifling a trace of contempt for these hot-house human products of the mild coastal regions, who shuffle from one equinox to another. But yesterday I saw a picture in the Christian Science Monitor that brought regret, and dispelled contempt.

Frost is brother to the cold. Where they walk a crystal path seals the hour fold on fold. On the gray and lonely stone they carve the imprint of a leaf. On the empty window-glass suddenly a garden grown lifts its tracery of flowers in a summer white and brief. On the thin and brittle twigs traceries of jewels appear, and the trees that lift on high empty branches to the sky, bend in the wind that brings this way cold and its quiet brother, frost... Bend in the wind and suddenly bloom with buds of light, with beauty lost until this white, this radiant day

Language Schools Seek Government Approval

VICTORIA.—Japanese Language Schools have been most prompt in submitting applications to carry on their work under provisions of recent amendments to the B. C. School Act, it was disclosed here Tuesday, when Dr. S. J. Willis, Superintendent of Education, said that out of more than two dozen such applications, all but two were from Japanese schools.

These two are for a class in Punjabi at Hillcrest and a class in Russian at Brilliant in the Kootenay.

Japanese language school officials in Vancouver interviewed said that they were anxious to comply with the law and accordingly had hastened to submit applications. Study had been given to the question, they said, as early as last fall when amendments to the School Act vesting control over language schools in the Department of Education were first introduced by the Hon. G. M. Weir.

Dr. Willis said that no applications have been refused, although several have been held up, particularly because of objections raised in certain points,—Alberni, Duncan, Coombs and Rutland by local school boards. These objections have been based principally on grounds of health.

The Department is following the practise of asking local school-boards if they have any objection to foreign language classes being carried on for pupils attending their schools.

Story Of The Week

VANCOUVER. — When some 300 teen-aged girls and their leaders, members of the Girls Auxiliary of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of New Westminster, gather at St. James Hall this evening for their annual rally, it will be an eighteen-year old second generation girl who will deliver the welcome address.

Daughter of Mrs. W. Muramatsu, 741 East Broadway, Kimi is the president of the Girls Auxiliary of St. Michael's Church at Broadway and Prince Edward.

She was chosen to deliver the address by her leader, Mrs. G. H. Wilson, whose husband is Canon at St. Michael's. Interesting note—Alderman Halford D. Wilson is their son.

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Issuing Officer D. L. McGibbon

INSPECTOR R.C.M.P.

Here's a photostatic copy of a registration card such as every resident of Japanese origin in the province will be required to secure as evidence of legal status. It measures 4½ x 2½ inches, fitting into the average wallet.

On top it reads, "The bearer, whose photograph and specimen of signature appears hereon, has been duly registered in compliance with the provisions of Order-in-Council P.C. 117." It is stamped with date, place, and status, and signed by issuing officer, Inspector D. L. McGibbon.

On the reverse side are details as to name, address, age, height, weight, marks of identification, and occupation. In the upper right hand corner is the serial number, 0072 in this case, and in the lower right a black print of the right thumb. Officers, by the way, are good enough to clean the ink off your thumb with a special cleaning fluid. In general the public has been much impressed by the efficiency of the registration, as well as the unfailing courtesy of registering officers.

White cards are issued to Canadian-born, salmon-pink to naturalized British subjects, and yellow to alien Japanese.

Each card is embossed with the R.C.M.P. seal and numbered serially on equipment carefully guarded by officers.

Questions asked are simple and to the point, but time is consumed because of the care necessitated by the efficient system of cross-checking and filing employed.

On The Newsfront

Vancouver JCCL to Meet on March 20.

VANCOUVER.—The long delayed annual general meeting of the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League has been definitely set for March 20, Thursday, President Dr. George Ishiwara said. A speaker from the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation is expected, and election of officers and annual reports will constitute the principal business of the meeting.

Youth Congress to Discuss Economic Conditions

VANCOUVER.—Results of a recent questionnaire campaign on the economic conditions of youth will form the basis of discussion at the Third Annual B. C. Youth Congress, to be held Easter Week-end in Vancouver.

U.S. Nisei Wins Hawaii Lightweight Championship

HONOLULU. — Herold Hoshino, fistic pride of the Northwest Nisei, won the Hawaiian Lightweight championship here by knocking out Clever Henry in the tenth round.

Consul Feted by Vancouver Press.

VANCOUVER.—Guest of honour at a farewell press supper at the Yoshino last Tuesday given by the Continental Daily News was the Japanese consul, Kenji Nakauchi, who leaves shortly for a new post in Los Angeles. Guests at the dinner included Aubrey Roberts and Sidney Scott, Province, Alan Morley and William Short, Sun, and Robert Elson and Arthur Mackenzie, News-Herald, as well as representatives from the Japanese press.

Monday, Mr. Nakauchi was host to a large number of city business men at an after-five gathering at the Hotel Vancouver.

Nisei Dance Artist Appears on New York Stage

NEW YORK.—Scheduled to appear on a program at Madison Square Gardens, featuring stars of the stage, screen and radio here this month will be Toyo Dorothy Ohata, rising young dance artist from Seattle.

Among the stars billed are Joan Crawford, Al Jolson, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Ethel Merman and Gertrude Lawrence.

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Close Checking System Employed

VANCOUVER.—With Royal Canadian Mounted Police familiarizing themselves with routine details in registration at headquarters on West Hastings Street, the establishment of sub-offices more conveniently located near the Japanese community is expected early next week in order to facilitate registration.

Inspector D. L. McGibbon and Sergt. J. K. Barnes, in charge of registration, said also that other offices will be opened in other centres, and travelling units set up, although no formal schedule has yet been drawn up.

Co-operation of organizations and leaders in other centres, however, will be sought to make registration efficient and keep expenses down.

Registration in the city was under way early Tuesday morning with a number of residents from the West End assembling at the office even before opening time. Officers have been kept busy by a steady stream of people, who kept the waiting-room well filled.

Three special constables, D. J. Hanford, William Bee and David Couper, all of whom have spent years in Japan, are acting as interpreters for those unable to speak English properly.

U.S. Nisei Swell Uncle Sam's Army

SAN FRANCISCO. — Some 350 Americans of Japanese origin will have entered the service of Uncle Sam's army for a year's training by the second week in March, estimates compiled by Nisei sources disclosed here.

Of these, including both volunteers and draftees, 300 are from California, the remainder from Washington and Oregon. Los Angeles itself has supplied 81, and San Francisco 52.

The National Japanese American Citizens League announced the adoption of a program to aid the Nisei in training camps. Each district council of the League will be asked to appropriate funds to be turned over to the chapters nearest training camps to be used in entertainment of soldiers.

Names of all Nisei soldiers, too, will be inscribed in a permanent "Roll of Honour."

Your Nisei Paper Depends Upon Your Subscription

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The Housing Problem

A READER of The New Canadian has written in regard to a question which obviously grows increasingly important in the Japanese community.

He is concerned, and very rightly, with the evident fact of the shortage of housing facilities, adequate for healthful and decent living purposes within the boundaries of the Japanese community. And he offers convincing figures to show that no steps are being taken, or are likely to be taken by individuals, to meet this situation.

The war boom in Canada has, of course, thrown the housing problem in Canada into very sharp relief; and estimates have been made that some 50,000 workers are locating near war industrial sites without adequate homes. Bu tactually, this question of substandard housing conditions in the Japanese community is one that has long been familiar to us.

In a recent survey in Seattle, it was found that some seventy per cent of the Japanese American residents in the city lived in homes classed as substandard. It is entirely likely that in the areas bordering upon False Creek and in the Powell Street area of Vancouver a very similar situation exists. And the housing shortage is a recognized and disturbing factor in many of the industrial centres wherein large numbers of Japanese Canadians are employed.

The shortage, too, of low-rental, modernized housing units, located conveniently to places of employment in the Japanese community, undoubtedly is one of the more important factors which cause mature young men to think seriously before seeking matrimonial bliss, and thus has its repercussions in undesirable social conditions.

Whether a co-operative scheme such as has been suggested by our reader is a practical solution is a very moot point. But one thing is certain. If all the funds, which in the past have flown unnecessarily to Japan in the form of immigrant remittances, had been spent upon better housing facilities, conditions now would not be nearly so deplorable. Certainly, if the community now is to make any progress towards higher standards, there are few outlets for the sane and sensible use of our resources which would pay finer dividends than the improvement and development of adequate living cacommodation.

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DADDY REFORMS

Little Hiroshi, third generation youngster, is a very precocious lad.

He was having a philosophical discussion with his mother one day.

"Did the stork bring me, Mommy?" he asked.

"Yes, dear," answered his mother.

"And did Santy Claus bring me my toys at Christmas?"

"Yes, son."

"And does God give us our daily bread?"

"Yes, dear."

"Well, then," asked Hiroshi, "what's Daddy hanging around for?"

Little Hiroshi's daddy stays home nights more often these days.

Government and Press

THERE are few Canadians who will not look with regret upon the spectacle in Ottawa, where the National Government finds itself involved in an imbroglio with a section of the Canadian press.

The picture of charge and countercharge cannot but contribute to a lessening of confidence in the government, as Prime Minister King trenchantly warned the House, and thus to an undermining of national morale. And the over-powering importance of national morale as a redoubtable weapon of modern war has never been more vividly demonstrated than in this greatest conflict in history.

We may, with just cause, condemn unsparingly the totalitarian war machine. But we cannot toss contemptuously aside the basic fact that these totalitarian nations, essentially "have-not" countries, have wrought that machine from the breath and fire of a people devoted to a point of fanaticism to their leaders and their cause.

We, in a democracy, must match national morale with national morale. We must match reason, intelligence, and enlightened sincerity against blind devotion.

But we shall not do that by a vague, generalized destructive criticism, glib with half-truths and reeking with distortion. And our experience with the reaction of a part of the Canadian newspaper world in the past to the Japanese question has indicated that some of our responsible natoinal dailies are not without fault in that regard.

Let us have criticism! Sharp, searching, unhesitating criticism of the government and its policy. But let it be criticism that is logical and conclusive. Let it be criticism made with a constructive end in view, and not from the mere habit of criticism. If the press in Canada carried that responsibility, sincerely and honestly as reasonable publishers and editors can carry it, there will be no need for censorship, nor any fear of undermining confidence in our ability as a democratic nation to win the war.

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Serenity . . .

I wandered through a saffron haze
meandering like one in a daze
from some gon shore, a lonely sea
moaned to the sad infinity.

Strange symphony, the potent spell
allured me to a sacred dell
where morning's light unveiled the mist,
revealed a world of wonder-kissed:
the lotus, amaranth and orchid
bloomed 'round the state where Venus hid
The brilliant birds of Paradise
aroused the asphodels to rise,
Beside the stream of vernal glory
I lay enraptured on the lea
and not a idle thought could entwine
the lattice of my pleasure vine.
the lattice of my pleasure vine.
the days . . . the years . . . time did not press
nor irk my soul with restlessness.

Their filmy vapours swiftly fell.

Was this a flight, a dream, a spell?

Unreal! unreal! it was not real!
and yet I fain my mind could steal
back to the realm of serenity
where life's beyond futility.

—*Miyo Ishiwata.*

Letters To The Editor

Joint Housing Scheme

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: According to the daily papers, 308 housing permits for houses valued at almost one million dollars have been granted in January and February of this year. The exact figure is $881,000, which exceeds the 1929 boom year figure of $831,157 on 257 houses.

All this new housing construction is taking place in the outer residential areas, but none takes place in areas as Fairview, Kitsilano, Heeps and the district enclosed by Main, Prior, Campbell and Alexander. In the latter area no housing construction has taken place during the past ten years or is likely in the next ten.

An acute housing shortage exists. There is no new construction. Houses are next to impossible to rent, and more so because many of the houses have been occupied by the same tenant for five, ten, and even fifteen years.

Building or purchasing a house is obviously beyond the reach of most people in the lower income groups—even if the money was avalable, they would save it or build a new home in the suburbs.

However great may be the demand for new homes throughout the city, the need is greater in the older residential districts. Who can say that this city has not reached a stage where certain residential areas must descend to a semi-slum condition or must rise to a level where this city never will have slums in the future.

To be realistic, the problem is money. If Niseis, for that matter everyone, were given the opportunity to climb up into the higher income levels, the housing situation would take care of itself. That, unfortunately, is not so.

Pre-fabricated house construction may be an answer. Group co-operation may be an answer. A credit union plan may be an answer. If a group of twenty people can contribute $100 each toward building a house and one of the twenty occupies the house and pays $25 per month over a period of six years and eight months, it will be much like an individual receiving a 6¾ year interest-free loan of $2000, but without the great responsibility. Suppose the original occupant wished to move away? He would receive his $100 share and another of the group would move in.

The length of time for repayment then must be extended an additional 4 months. In the end every one of the twenty individuals will have received his $100 and one of the twenty will be in possession of the house.

One thing is certain: if new housing construction in the particular area named is to depend on individual initiative, we will see no new building. If construction can be projected on group effort we shall see some progress.

"Idealist."

Vancouver.

From the Red Cross

Editor, The New Canadian.—Dear Sir: As a fellow journalist I feel you will be interested in the attached Publictiy Report, which I presented at the recent annual meeting of the B. C. Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that I stressed the generous amount of space, which the newspapers of B. C. give to Red Cross space into dollars and cents I believe activities. After I had translated this that many of the delegates realized for the first time the commercial value of your contribution to the cause of the Red Cross.

Elizabeth B. Price,

Director, Provincial Publicity.

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There Are Scots and Scots

LAST week, the House of Commons witnessed a strange sight, and heard stranger words. It certainly was another proof of the tag: Truth is stranger than fiction.

Three Scotsmen jumped on another Scotsman and reviled the latter for his justice and tolerance. The three went further and shouted that because of his sentiments the lone Scotsman was a "disgrace to the House." My word!! Things have come to a pretty pass if an M.P. cannot be a decent humanitarian without having dirt flung in his face. What I cannot understand about the whole thing is that Scotsmen are one of the most generous of peoples, and if there is to be any disgrace found among them, then, surely the three aforesaid politicians are a real disgrace to their people.

Is it to Mr. MacInnis' discredit that he protested against the gross misrepresentation by other B.C. members about Japanese Canadians in this province? Is it to his party's shame, or to his country's disgrace that he advocated kindness and consideration for a voteless, voiceless, but nonetheless taxed, minority? Shame? Disgrace? I say honor to his party, to his country, that there is such a man to utter fearlessly, under certain fire, his belief in the decency of fellow humans.

The Japanese, both first and second generation, are grateful to men like Mr. MacInnis, to whatever party they may belong. Then in a totally different sense, we ought to be thankful, at least, that the many virulent anti-Orientalists have provided a strong, if bad-tasting stimulant towards waking us to conscious citizenship.

Psychologists maintain that those who are loudest in their condemnation of faults in others usually have the very faults themselves. Thus, the three Scotsmen, who, with malice aforethought, hurled such charges as "fraudulent," "disloyal," "incorrigible" in the general direction of the Japanese, may sport the same sins themselves. It must aggravate their righteous vanity that their viciousness cannot arouse a like defection in us.

A Japanese, as can any Scotsman, feels a prideful surge of loyalty to Canada above all other countries. Sandy hair and a well-defined "burr" does not make a true citizen. Beneath a black thatch of hair and an olive skin may beat a heart more truly loyal than any Reid or Neill.

If there ever was a time when Canada needed the loyal co-operation of her every citizen, now is the time. It is downright disloyal of men like Reid and Neill to conjure up a non-existent bogey to frighten a people already feeling the extra burdens of wartime effort. It is downright fraudulence to cover an entire people with the sins of a few. It is downright incorrigibility to protest so long and loud about a minority that can't answer back with the weapons of a free ballot, the right of every free-born man.

O Liberty! What crimes are committed in thy name!

"We Shall Get Their Loyalty"

(Speech by Angus MacInnes, M.P., member for Vancouver East in the House of Commons, as reported by Hansard, February 25, 1941.)

I rise for two purposes. First, I would not like the committee to suppose that the honorable member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Neill) is expressing the attitude of the whole of British Columbia in connection with the matter under discussion. Second, I want to say that I listened to the statement referred to which was made by the Prime Minister earlier in the session, and it is not often I have heard him anything which has pleased me so much.

In my opinion, the attitude which a few—a very few—people in British Columbia have adopted toward Orientals is a disgrace to Canada. I have said that this attitude is that of only a very few; maybe I am wrong, but if many hold it, I have not met them.

About two years ago the City of Vancouver, because of the same kind of agitation, which has been going on for quite a number of years, and particularly since the war with China began, asked the provincial legislature to enact amendments to the city's charter to allow the city to discriminate against Orientals in the matter of trade licences. When these proposals came before the municipal committee, Mr. Perry, the provincial member for Prince George, told the Vancouver city delegation that if they would substitute "Jew" for "Japanese" or "Oriental," there would be no difference between what they were asking for and what the Nazis had already done in Germany and were doing in the various countries over which she had got control.

There is one thing of which we lose sight. The Japanese and other Orientals are here. They are in British Columbia and it is impossible to deport them. They are no longer Japanese or foreigners; they are Canadians, and we cannot ship them off somewhere else; whether we like it or not, they are here. The obvious thing to do, in my opinion, is to seek ways to make loyal Canadians of them.

The honorable member for Comox-Alberni says, "Once a Japanese always a Japanese." My friend and I are of Scottish descent, and I may say with equal truth, "Once a Scotsman always a Scotsman." The Japanese are no different from ourselves in their reaction to life and to the things around them.

Inspire Loyalty by Fairness

If we are to have harmonious and friendly relations between the Oriental population and the rest of our British Columbia citizens, we must stop discriminating against and abusing Orientals. We must find some common ground on which we can work, and I think it can be found. Is there any reason, if we should get into difficulties with Japan on the Pacific Coast, why the Japanese in British Columbia should be interested in helping Canada after the way in which we are treating them? **I am satisfied that if we treat the Japanese and our other Oriental citizens aright, we shall get their loyalty,** because they are no longer Orientals in the accepted sense of that term. They would feel as much out of place in Japan as we would. I know them, speak to them; I visit them and have them in my home, and I have not the slightest doubt that what I say is correct.

If we are to avoid the troubles that other countries have had with racial minorities, then we must take a realistic view of the situation in British Columbia and attempt to make these people feel at home among us. We will secure their loyalty by fairness and kindness and by the practice of those other attributes which we exercise in our relations with other people. Otherwise we shall have trouble. I appreciate most sincerely what the Prime Minister said on the occasion to which reference was made.

Question of Social Justice

I do not wish to prolong this discussion. The last part of it is a sad commentary on itself (referring to Mr. Neill). I am wondering what we are fighting for in Europe today. The honorable member for Fraser Valley and the honorable member for Comox-Alberni stated that the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation lost votes in British Columbia because of the position we took with regard to Orientals. I never asked anyone to vote for me because of my racial prejudices. I would not appeal to anyone for his franchise on his racial prejudices. **I have not the least doubt that before Hitler got his people into the reichstag, many of them got there by demonstrating their hatred of the Jews on the public platform.** Our friends from British Columbia are doing that today.

They say we are losing and have lost ground. As a matter of fact, at the last federal elections in British Columbia we polled more votes than we ever did before. Let me tell my honorable friends this, that after I brought the Oriental situation before this House in the session of 1936, there was not much said about the Oriental question in the last election and there will not be in the future. **This is not a political issue at the present time. It is first of all a question of social justice, and in the second place a question of dealing in a statesmanlike way with a problem which we cannot shift from ourselves to somebody else.**

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just reminiscing . . .

By Miscellani

When the present war-torn world becomes rather "mixed-up" and a little too, too complicated for me I like to run to my retreat—to think back of past scenes to remember pleasant thoughts; to live again lovely times of long ago.

. . . *then pictures* . . . beautiful scenes come to my mind, and with them, the thrill—yes the wonderful thrills, that "uplifting of the heart" feeling, of watching the fireflies, opening and closing their luminous glow of blue and green . . .

. . . *that transition of light to darkness, of darkness to light, perfumed ever so delicately and ethereally by these exotic creatures of night . . . flitting here and there, forever a bright spark in the cool denseness of black night.*

. . . while near-by, the clear stream ripples faintly beside the park and lover's lane . . . and the buzzing sound of the "semi", the huge singing beetle of Japan . . . his incessant buzz, buzz lulling one into hazy summer laziness . . . forgetfulness, yes forgetfulness of the grit, the grind, the nerve-wracking friction of a much too realistic world . . . a world in which I had so often wished I were a wanted part—not, as I sometimes wonder, a bit of useless furniture.

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Nichiren-Steadfast Faith and Conviction

The snow winter had already come to this northern island of Sado when Nichiren arrived. The shogunate authorities, who were afraid of killing this prophet with their own hands, had planned to let him die alone in the cold of the northern snow and the bitterness of hunger. A wretched hut six feet square in the Tsukahara valley was his only permitted shelter. In this tiny hut he lifted a small image of Buddha from the bosom of his torn robe and began his holy chanting of "*Nam-Myo-Ho-Ren-Gekyo, Nam Holy Lotus Sutra.*" The snowflakes fell on the earthen floor and heaped on Nichiren's lap covering the image of Buddha. He passed nights protected merely by a straw hat and grass raincoat. When the snow got deeper and heavier, Nichiren's meals, which were supposed to be brought from the neighbouring village, were cut off. Many days in the snowbound valley he did not eat. Yet he never worried about his food; nor was he ever afraid to die for the sake of his faith. His voice, chanting the *Sutra* was never silenced.

The man Nichiren, who with steadfast faith and conviction always pushed ahead in the promotion of his cause, moved me the most of all religious forces. My husband himself was not unlike a Nichiren disciple in sacrificing his family—not for the sake of the *Lotus Sutra* but in action through a faith in the national policy which he considered as holy and important as the Sutra. But alas! his wife, who had been brought up in well-to-do circumstances, naturally, like every wife suddenly cast in to the wilderness of economic insecurity, was worrying terribly about financial reverses. However, since I was inspired by the spiritual power of Nichiren, who feared neither hunger nor death, who never worried about shelter or clothing, I reached a wonderful calmness of mind, never to be disturbed again by uncertainty, grief, anger or momentary pleasure.
—From *Facing Two Ways*, the autobiography of Baroness Shidzue Ishimoto (Farrar & Rhinehart).

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

O-Hina Matsuri . . .

For the last few weeks little black-eyed girls have had their wee noses pressed against shop windows on Powell Street, gazing in awe and rapture at a miniature Imperial Court, with an Emperor and his Empress resplendent in their ceremonial robes, while on the descending six tiers sit the courtiers, ladies-in-waiting, the imperial guards, equerries, and favorite childhood characters, complete with enchanting little household articles.

I remember my younger days, and with a pang I realize that the Dolls' Festival was something I missed in my boisterous childhood. It was not because my parents failed to give me this especial aspect of Japanese girlhood, nor because they were indifferent to the way I managed to "just growed" like Topsey, that I never thrilled to it as these youngsters along Powell Street.

I was too much of a tomboy. I could never be content just to sit and gaze at the beautiful lady-in-waiting or the figure of Momotaro-San that was given me. I could not sit and play hostess to the little girls mother invited on that day. Ah, no! I must take my Momotaro-San and make him fight the green "oni," and undress the beautiful lady-in-waiting to see how the little limbs were put together and made to stand. (I can still feel what I was given for my pains!)

I was too young for spiritual things then. I wanted something to hold in my hand and discover to love. And so I turned to my rag doll and to the sleeping beauty with the fallen-in eyes.

How was I to know what I know now—that the beautiful figurines are sacred—sacred because they embody the Japanese love and respect for their long and glorious past; that these dolls from the Emperor and his Empress to the lowest character on the seven tiers were symbolic of the Flowery Kingdom; a closely-knitted family system, interwoven of respect, womanly ideals and love. How was I to know that these little dolls, calmly poised on their little lacquer stands—were placed there to instil in a hopeless tomboy, some elements of Japanese womanhood—calmness and dignity.

Let's Go Dutch!

Although the good old historical dictionary says that Dutch treats were practiced in 1891, the idea is a matter of controversy in our little Nisei world.

How does the male of the species react? There are those who, even at the suggestion of "Dutch treats," says, "Thumbs down!" They put up with women suffragettes, woman in business, woman in trousers, but when it comes to taking a girl out, he does it right with all the frills. Conceited? *No, let's say "romantic." Hang on to him!*

Then, there's the blandly smiling "gay companion" type, who doesn't mind in the least. He's the kind who'll sit on the edge of a desk, push his hat back on his head and says, "I think it's a swell idea. Women are earning just as much and maybe more than we are, so why shouldn't we go fifty-fifty!" A girl would never feel obligated in his company.

Then, there is that vast army of "fence-sitters," those who don't commit themselves—well, that is, they try not to. "A fella likes to take a girl out once in a while, but it's hard on the pocket at times, and a girl who offers to go 'Dutch' is darn thoughtful and considerate." This one is more practical than romantic. If he be the kind that is more romantic than practical, he'll add, "Dutch treats are fine, but please, not the first few times!"

So where does the controversy end? Don't ask me! It's true that girls can well-afford to pay their way. It's true that "Dutch treats" will do away with that feeling of indebtedness. It's true that when the expense is shared by both, the two can go on twice as many dates. The reasons carry more weight for "pro" than "con," but girls, it's a queer world, so you'll have to decide for yourself.

You can be definitely "thumbs down" on the practice, in which case you'll return in subtle little dinner parties at home, or an evening "chin-wag" or "shin-dig" before a fire, or a small party where he can be remembered.

You can be practical and "go Dutch." The romantic type will frown at you as a "go-getter" or a "pants-wearer," but your type will love you for it.

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Nishizaki Elected Buddhist Teachers Federation Prexy

An active bussei leader, Takeo Nishizaki was elected president of the Buddhist Sunday School Teachers' Federation last Sunday when 70 teachers from city and rural areas assembled at the Hompa Temple for their eighth annual meeting.

Discussed and approved were projects to encourage attendance, to hold an annual teachers conference, to prepare a booklet of English and Japanese gathas, and to promote inter-school visiting. Publication of a children's newspaper was tabled for further study.

Executive officers chosen in addition to Mr. Nishizaki were Minoru Nishi and Masako Tanaka, vice-chairmen; Yoshikazu Nishimura, secretary; Masao Nakamura, treasurer; and Katsumi Minamide, Fusayo Harada and Tamiye Mishima, auditors. Also elected were a council of nineteen members.

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Fukuoka Memorial Service Arranged

Buddhist ritual chanting from the sacred books, and the burning of incense will characterize the service which members of the Fukuoka Sainenkai will hold next Sunday at one o'clock in the Hompa Temple, in memory of deceased members and in tribute to Canadian soldiers who have fallen in arms in the war.

President Don Sugiman, who will act as chairman for the service, will give the opening address.

Filial piety will be the characteristic note at the "Keirokai" to follow, when pioneer members of the Fukuoka Kindred Association, over the age of 61, will be guests of honour at a banquet. Speeches will be heard from Chairman Shige Okumura, and from representatives of the young people's group, the parent organization, and the guests of honour.

An interesting program of entertainment is being prepared under the direction of Toshiko Hatanaka.

Every member of the Seinenkai is urgently requested to attend to give their co-operation in making the occasion a success.

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1, Greetings; 2, Dedication; 3, Choral number, Junior Church Choir; 4, Highland Dancing, Nicholson Sisters; 5, Vocal Solo, Katie Oyama; 6, Skit, "Spirit of Peace"; 7, Harmonica, Roy Kumano's Quintette; 8, Japanese Play, "Tsumi-naki Tsumi"; 9, Vocal solo, Lily Shishido; 10, Instrumental Trio, Cece Okawara, Steve Enomoto, George Shimotakahara; 11, ?????; 12, Vocal solo, Frank Kumagai; 13, Prize Comedy, "Heaven on Earth"; 14, Choral number, "God Save the King."

The Event — Powell Y. P. "Vogue Varieties." The Time, 7:30 p.m., March 8. The Place, Japanese Hall.

Hompa Players Will Present Original Comedy

An original Japanese comedy, specially written for the occasion by H. Doi, will be a highlight of the concert being presented Saturday evening, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hompa Bukkyokai by the Young Men's Buddhist Association in commemorating its twentieth anniversary.

"Piece de resistance" of the evening, however, will be a moving tragedy of a brother and sister, who have happiness snatched away from them. Meeting once by sheer accident, after being separated from childhood, they are again cut apart when the boy is called into the army. The girl, a nurse, meets her brother again at the front, only to see death bring an irrevocable parting.

Marion Higa as the nurse and Kaz Suga as her brother, take the leading roles in "Imo-to no Uta", ably supported by Doug Funamoto, Tazo Nose, Eileen Shintani, Toshio Mori, Kiyoshi Suga, Jack Kenno, H. Kumamoto, Tats Kagawa and Shizuko Mori.

The whole list of actors with the addition of "Shadow" Nakatsuka, appear again in the comedy, "Kekkon Mondai," with Tazo Nose and Kiyoshi Suga starring.

Direction is being handled by H. Doi, whose artistic achievement in last year's Hiroshima presentation was a highlight of the year's amateur theatricals.

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CUMBERLAND, B.C.—Saturday, March 1 proved a memorable day to many a young person of this district who attended the dance held in the No. 5 Japanese Gogakko. Sponsored by the No. 5 girls and supported by the surrounding districts, it proved a huge success, and net proceeds of $38.75 were donated to the Cumberland branch of the Red Cross.

7:30 p.m. saw the beginning of a good old-fashioned sing song and a program of party games. Sixty or so young people joined in the grand dance that followed. The candy stall on the floor, as well as "bingo" proved to be helping factors.

Tea served at midnight refreshed the gay young people for another few hours of dancing. The laurels of success go to the deserving young Misses Fumi Matsubuchi, Buddie and Mitzi Yaguchi and Yacko Ohara. Above all it was the wonderful co-operation shown by the young people of the local districts that made everything such a success. The sponsors are taking this opportunity to thank one and all for the fine spirit of helpfulness.

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Flash! Flash!

Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura, nee Susie Yaguchi, of Union Bay, had a visit from the stork March 3. Both mother and baby son are doing well.

RED CROSS News Notes

"The production of hospital supplies, comforts, surgical dressings and refugee garments is the main activity of all B.C. Red Cross branches," said F. W. Tuffrey, provincial commissioner, at the recent annual meeting.

The vast extent of it was revealed in the report of Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, provincial chairman, of the Women's Work Committee. She stated that during the past year, materials valued at approximately a quarter of a million dollars were purchased and materials worth $222,150 had been distributed to the branches.

"Branch officers stress there must be one standard of wrok only," said Mrs. Ramsden, "and that is the Red Cross standard. The quality of work done in B.C. reflects the highest credit on workers and what is most important is that the articles will be worn with comfort."

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Mr. H. Beach, president of the Mission Red Cross branch, tells of the enthusiastic support of local Japanese women in response to a call for knitters, which was made through the local paper. Mr. Kudo, a district Japanese leader, asked if Japanese women would be allowed to knit for the Red Cross. A supply of wool was given, Mr. Kudo translated the directions into Japanese and distributed mimeographed directions. The result was 31 pairs of perfectly knitted socks. PUblic School's Office v"12

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...stal Home Service
...mbers of the Powell United ...T.S. Club conducted the regu... service at the Borstal Home last ...ay, when **Takashi Komiyama** ...ered the sermon. A double quartette from the Junior Church Choir rendered appropriate choral music.

This Saturday the club will sponsor an evening of entertainment for inmates, with **Adam Moriyama**, well-known Nisei cowboy singer, and the **Nisei Brass Band** contributing to the program.

● **Tennis Fete**

Guest of honour at a farewell banquet tendered by the **Nippon Tennis Club** Wednesday night was **Yoshio Hinatsu**, who this Saturday, with his sister, sets sail for Nippon aboard the Hikawa Maru.

● **Visiting Vancouver**

Regina, Saskatchewan is the familiar home stamping ground of **Kanematsu Sano** visiting British Columbia on an extended holiday trip. Mr. Sano is the energetic president of the Regina Shinyo-Kai.

From the other direction was **Shige E. Yoshida**, Nisei leader and JCCL prexy in Chemainus, who returned home Wednesday after a week in the city. While here, Mr. Yoshida registered himself in order to be able to offer co-operation to officials when registration begins in mid-Island points.

● **Y. P. Society**

A busy time is in store for members of the **Powell Y.P.** this week-end, with a concert Saturday evening, a banquet in honour of guest artists Sunday at the Fuji at 5:30 and the regular Sunday evening meeting at 7:30 under the convenorship of Miyo Ishiwata.

● **Blessed Event**

"Winston Masatani" is the name that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayashi (nee Hisae Hirano) have chosen for their first child, an 8½-pound baby boy born on February 22 at St. Paul's Hospital. Both Mother and son are doing well.

Mrs. Hayashi's sister, Yoriko Hirano from Ganges, Salt Spring Island, is visiting in the city in the meantime.

● **Nuptial Knot**

A quiet Saturday afternoon ceremony performed by the Rev. K. Shimizu at the Powell United Church tied the nuptial knot between two well-known young people, **Charlotte Saegusa** and **John Nakashima**. Attending the bride was the groom's sister, Margaret, while Ken Saegusa was best man for Mr. Nakashima.

● **Nisei Players**

The **Nisei Drama Club** will return next week to its regular evening for emoting on Tuesday at 8:15 at the Carleton Clay Studios.

● **Intellectual Snobbery**

Favorite types of authors and intellectual snobbery will feature the discussion on matters literary next Friday, March 14, at the home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa, when the **Scribblers Circle** clashes pens and pencils again.

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The Fairview Young People's Service will be held this Sunday, March 9, in the Fairview United Church Mission (6th and Columbia).

Mr. Takashi Komiyama will on this occasion tkae as his sermon topic: "How Can We Meet Injustice?" We often hear the expression, "It isn't fair!" But what are we going to do about i?t If we cann do or say anything to remedy injustice, we would act immediately. But supposing nothing can be done! What then? The sermon will endeavour to answer this question.

All young people of the city who wish to join in these services are very welcome to attend.

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Do you really see — fully, freely, comfortably? It may surprise you to know that over 70 people out of 100 have some difficulty with their eyesight—they are "hard-of-seeing." Because eye-defects are so prevalent, Mr. W. B. Pitman, Optometrist, Pitman's Optical House, 605 West Hastings St., Vancouver, offers you the following advice: Bathe your eyes with warm water every morning. Close your eyes frequently as you work, or if you can look away at a distance, then back to your work, that will rest them. If you have much close work, have them examined for reading glasses that you can slip on when necessary. If you suffer from continual or occasional eyestrain or headaches or nervous fatigue, an eye examination will locate the cause and glasses can be made to remove or arrest the trouble. It always pays to have your eyes examined once a year.

Strathcona Old Boys

Library To Get New Shelf Of Books

VANCOUVER.—A new shelf of "particularly good and attractive books" will be added to the Bessie Johnston Memorial Library at Strathcona Public School, as a result of the gift of $62 made at the re-union of Japanese old boys and old girls, Principal H. E. Patterson announced this week. Writing to Dr. K. Shimo-takahara, Mr. Patterson expressed the appreciation of the school to the former pupils who made the gift possible as follows:

On behalf of all the teachers and pupils of Strathcona School, I wish to thank you and the Strathcona Japanese Old Boys and Old Girls for their very generous gift of $62.00 to the Bessie Johnsyon Memorial Library in our school. This library was originally made possible by a sum of money left for that purpose by Miss Bessie Johnston. Your own remembrances and kind remarks in reference to Miss Bessie Johnston were very much appreciated by our teachers when I conveyed the sentiments of your address to them. I can assure you that we all deeply appreciate the gift as well as the friendly expressions that accompanied it.

At the meeting of our library committee it was suggested that the money be used to open a new shelf of particularly good and attractive books that up to this tim e we have felt was financially impossible for us to open. There will of course be some delay in selecting and securing these books as they will no doubt have to be ordered from outside Vancouver. When the books arrive, htey will be suitably marked and your organization through yourself will be notified.

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Victoria Plans National J.C.CL. Parley For Thanksgiving Week

By Ioni Gossippe

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Chapter of the JCCL was held on Friday, February 28th at the Gogakko Hall with Miss Okamoto presiding.

Thanksgiving week - end was chosen for the holding of the Sixth Annual JCCL Nisei Convention scheduled to be held here this year.

The league pins were adopted by the chapter as were the various convention committee groups, presented by the executive for the approval of the meeting.

Red Cross Work

A report from the knitting group showed that the girls were doing splendidly and that the first batch of articles was being handed in to the local Red Cross headquarters on the 6th of March. A voluntary collection was taken among the male members to help buy needles for the knitters.

During the social, a presentation from the members was made to Miss Kikue Kawahara in honor of her coming marriage.

Present at the meeting was Esum Kawahara, who spent a few days at home prior to going to work at Cowichan Lake.

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Our sincerest apologies to the young ladies for having somehow or other omitted the following from this column last week.

Guests present at the no-host shower in honor of Miss Kikue Kawahara were:

Misses Toshiko Hasegawa, Yaeko Henmi, Yukiye Ioi, Mitsu Iwasaki, Aiko and Fumiko Kondo, Tomiko Nakamura, Haruco and Michico Okamoto, Sumie Onishi, Fumiko Shimizu, Masa Takahashi, Berna Watanabe, Mikiko Yamamoto and Marion Yoneda.

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Writing "on behalf of all ranks" of his detachment, W. F. Osburn, officer commanding, declared, "It is an extremely fine looking flag and we are all very proud of it and what it stands for."

BRITANNIA BITS

By "Crusher"

Are you one of those people who think Friday an unlucky day? I never gave much thought to the fact but I think Johnny McLeod, for one, will be very superstitious in the future. Last Friday, a few minutes before quitting time, Johnny was involved in an accident resulting in facial burns. At the present time he is confined in the Townsite hospital where his condition is reported satisfactory. We wish Johnny a very speedy recovery.

On the Saturday noon boat, about 30 Britannia Mines High School students went over to Woodfibre when a sport schedule occupied most of the afternoon. In the boys' basketball, Bacon, Matherson and Bogle led Britannia to a 47-38 victory over Woodfibre. For the girls' game the Britannia girls also won 24-14. Most of the baskets were scored by Isabelle Berg. I heard that she was the whole Britannia team herself.

Woodfibre, however, took the badminton tournament. In the evening a dance was held in the gym 'til it was time for the visitors to catch the boat back to Britannia.

Despite the heavy rain Thursday evening a party numbering 60 went to Squamish with an All-Star basketball team. I don't know what the matter is, but Britannia is certainly going downgrade these days. Woodfibre, whom the All-Stars played, walked away with the game 27-21.

The High School boys played Squamish whose rough playing had Britannia at a loss, but as soon as the star trio Bacon, Matheson and Bogle regained their shooting eye, they had the game well under control. Dave Clarke sez, "Rain or shine, Squamish beer is always delicious."

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Ganges Gleanings

Dance . . . On February 24, the Ganges Consolidated High School students presented a dance with an orchestra from Victoria. A feature of the evening was the "Big Tombola," which was drawn for, with the first prize going to lucky Mrs. Rush of Ganges. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

Visited . . . Miss E. Withers of Vancouver was a guest for a short time at the "Alders," home of Capt. and Mrs. V. Best. The Ganges Young People gathered at "The Alders" to hear Miss Withers in an interesting speech; and following the meeting enjoyed a social hour.

Tomatoes . . . Ho-hum! Two o'clock in the morning is an early hour to get up but it has to be done. Tomato plants are bearing a little fruit already. And the farmers are busy tieing loganberries, putting on fertilizer, pulling weeds, and on top of that—wood-cutting. Don't overwork, boys!

Fishing . . . "How many did you get? I lost a big one — about five pounds!" Here it is again: the annual flood of fish stories. Since shooting is no longer possible, everyone is looking forward to fishing these days. "You're busy, aren't you, but still you have Sunday off." Fishing must be good, too, because many anglers are getting their limit.

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Hiroshi Nishi Re-elected J.C.C.A. Head Under New Electoral System

STEVESTON. — Hiroshi Nishi, popular Nisei leader here, was re-elected president of the Steveston Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, J.C.C.L. affiliate, following results of a new system of voting instituted by the organization.

Under the new system, designed to see that every member should exercise his franchise, an electoral council of ten members ("sanjiin") was first chosen by popular ballot. District representatives canvassed every member to secure votes for members of the electoral council, empowered at the last electoral meeting to choose officers of the Association for the forthcoming season.

These include: Hiroshi Nishi, pres.; Kaoru Atagi, Fred Nishi, v.-p.'s; Tadao Naruse, treas.; Hiroshi Hamade, ass't treas.; Ichiji Hamade, chairman; Iwao Itakura, ass't chair.; Masakazu Nishimura, English sec'y; Saburo Hayashi, English sec'y; and Kazue Mori, Masao Hayashi, Iwao Yamamoto and Haruko Morishita, auditors.

Convenors and assistants named by the electoral council include:

Diplomacy: Kay Oda, Yutaka Kobayashi; Welfare: Ki... shi Hibi, Kunji Kuramoto; ... cial: Shiuichi Nakade, ... Nishida, Miyoko Sogawa; ... ory: Shoji Minamide, ... Uraisami; Literary: Ma... Nishi, Hanako Naruse, ... Mori; Athletic: Basketball, ... chiji Nishi; Badminton, ... Oda; Baseball, Shigemi ...wa; Drama: Minoru Nishi, ... kunaga Nakai; and Research: Shizuo Matsuba, Jitsue Wak... Yaeko Tamemoto.

Councillors chosen were ... ro Hirayama and Mitsu... Kuba.

Officers for Judo and Kendo Clubs carried on under the Association are: Judo—Chief, Hiroshi Nishi, nidan; Assistant, R. Nakagama; K. Kuramo... shodan; treasurer, A. Mizu... chi; Auditor, Tomoaki ... shodan.

Kendo—Chief, Hiroshi Yoneda, shodan; Secretary, Ma... Hayashi, nidan; Treasurer, Katashi Hibi, nidan.

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The association wishes to acknowledge kind donations of $5 from Mamoru Nishi and Itsuji Hamade, who were married in January under the Y. M. B. A.'s new economy plan of marriage.

East Richo-Chats

By "The Gleaner"

Local Meeting Place . . .

The local Japanese Hall will now be the meeting place for the members of the Upper River Fishermen's Association, who will abandon the former hall on Lion Island which has been used for the past forty years. March 3 was the date of the first meeting of the executive in the new headquarters.

Farmers Meet . . .

With Spring here and the strawberry season drawing nigh, farmers in this community, as members of the South Fraser Farmers' Union attended the annual meeting of the Union at Coghlan. Business matters and election of officers occupied their attention.

Riverside Baseball Social . . .

The Riverside Baseball Club will hold a big pre-season social at the local (East Richmond) hall next month, April 12, to pick lucky numbers for the raffle now being conducted. Remember, folks, there are ten valuable prizes, and there are still some tickets left, so get yours now.

Down Sunbury Way . . .

The local community here, together with neighbors, honored the Tamaki brothers Henry and Thomas, both winners of oratorical contests held recently in Vancouver, with a large banquet in the Japanese School.

Henry Tamaki is the holder of the beautiful Neinichi Challenge Trophy for High School Oratory, and Thomas the holder of three trophies, including the Nemichi Cup for national open competition.

Among the many winners of the monthly war savings certificate raffle, sold on the Delta were two Japanese ladies from Sunbury who won $5 each.

Dis-'n-Dat . . .

Ah, ha . . . Another Nisei venture . . . Shig Kamachi, our local superartist, has rented the former Takeda Farm, and has also purchased a truck. With the help of his brothers he is going to operate the farm, truck for the local farmers, and carry on with fishing . . . not to mention his ambition to open an art studio in time.

A loss of $5000 was estimated through damage by fire, which brought down the East Richmond Shingle Mill, at Dyke and Boundary Road last week. Cause of the fire which broke out about 4 a.m. is still unknown.

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Day and night, blades flashed oss the glassy acres with ters coming from all points. Friday and Sunday nights, owna Niseis motored up for ling parties to swell the wds on the ice. Following day night's skating, the ly gathered at the home of Kobayashi for refreshments.

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My dear friends, the lowly apple, red as a blushing bride, full of rich, health-giving vitamins, and ripened to perfection under the rays of Okanagan sunshine, possesses all of these desirable features, and then some! So for your own sake, eat more apples!

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Now another thing! We know you're doing your best in budgeting your income to provide for more war savings. So are we, but where is our income if we do not sell our apples? Our cold storages are plugged full to the ceiling because Canada is not buying enough apples. And if we don't sell those apples, we will not have the money to buy war savings.

So friends, when you budget for war savings, won't you budget for apples too? You need them in your diet, and if we can sell you apples we can have more money for war savings. And don't forget, it's not just the farmer that benefits. The more apples we sell, the more work it will create for laborers, packers, loaders, truck drivers, transportation companies and everybody else. Then, all these people can buy war savings certificates. So if you desire to put the War Savings Campaign over the top, you can co-operate to the limit by buying more apples!

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the nineteenth hole * * * *by jimmie suzuki*

ISSEI FAVORED TO EAT HEARTILY AT NISEI EXPENSE

"Horton" Oyama got back on the boys who dubbed him so, when he forgot his usual three-putting ability to cop the season's opener with a net 71, from a very closely contested field. Mickey Maikawa and Joe Kodaira were only a stroke off the pace, tying for second place. Ever steady George Isogai had low gross honors with an easy 81.

The consul in whose honor the tournament was held, never showed his improved golf and toured the layout in a century-odd. To the first place winner went a nice little statuette donated by B. Hisaoka for the occasion. Ten players placed in the "money" and divided a dozen and a half balls.

Following the tournament a banquet was held at the Fuji, at which time the Consul was presented with a very handsome trophy from the members of the Nippon Golf Club, as a souvenir of his sojourn in Vancouver.

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Isseis vs. Niseis . . . Yes, the much-disputed question will be decided this Sunday at Langara, when 12 members picked by team captains George Isogai and Herb Tanaka will match strokes in a tentative 18-holes match play. The match will be contested individually with 3 points for each match and then totalled for the team results. On the records the Isseis have a definite edge, but the Niseis intend to make up the deficit through youth and enthusiasm. The stake will be the loser pays for dinner.

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REPLACING DIVOTS

The month of March — "In like a lion and out like a lamb" — evidently the weatherman twisted the thing around — to our liking for last Sunday was an ideal day for golf—and to think it rained all week!

The consul must have been awfully nervous at the first tee, for his usual dependable drive just trickled off the tee. Orchids to him for being a good sport about the whole thing, including his score. At the banquet, on being presented with the souvenir trophy, he cracked: "Thank God my score will not be engraved on it—at least nobody down in L.A. will know what I had to shoot to get this!" Lots of luck to you and let us know when you start breaking "parrs." And in passing thanks for the "Parr" you passed around.

Now that the Northwest tournament is definitely set for June 1st, you divoteers, potato diggers "et al" better get busy and start grooving the old swing—at least to the point where it doesn't creak like it did last Sunday.

"The story of the week" . . . George Ogino, an 11-handicapper, was having trouble with his drives all afternoon—finally getting a decent drive on the 13th. What happens? . . . His second shot, a spoon . . . he missed it by at least a foot! . . . ended in the bunker with his fourth . . . dallied in the bunker with two more, finally getting on the green with 7, to finish with a very handsome NINE! Poor guy! His game just wasn't so after that.

Well, that's all. See you next week . . . with the results of the Issei-Nisei match.

Taiyos, JCCL To Battle For Finals

Thomas Kuwabara Tops Victoria Scoring

The Big Six

	Games	Pts.
1. T. Kuwabara (T)	11	105
2. J. Shimizu (J)	12	104
3. E. Kondo (J)	9	90
4. Y. Shimizu (B)	9	75
5. T. Uyede (B)	10	65
6. S. Kuwata (T)	11	64

Final Standing

	W.	L.
Beavers	7	5
Taiyos	6	6
JCCL	5	7

The final league game of the 1940-41 season was played last Thursday, with the Taiyo Club hoopsters walloping the JCCL squad to the tune of 37-18. The final outcome was never in doubt, and with both teams playing wide-open basketball. The score at the end of the first half was 19-6 in favor of the Taiyos.

Thomas Kuwabara of the Taiyos, with 20 points, was high man of the evening while Jimmy Shimizu led the opposition with 8 points. Masa Kuwabara collected his fourth personal early in the second-half and was banished from the game.

The winner of the Taiyo JCCL sudden-death fixture being played this week will meet the Beavers in a best-out-of-three series to decide the championship.

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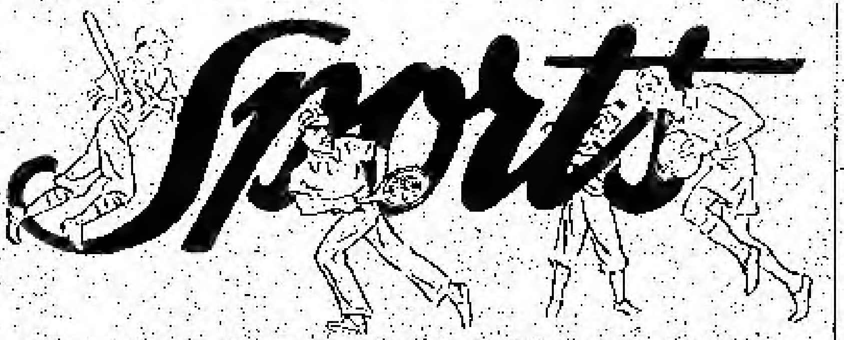

Amemori Duo New B Class Champs
Koyanagi-Deshima Cop Ladies Title

Hail to the newly crowned champions!

Flashing brillian florm, Michi Ashikawa and Johnny Tanaka, seasoned veterans of the shuttle court, stopped short the reign of Shig Okumura and "Baron" Wakabayashi to capture the most coveted title, Men's A Class Doubles Championship, in the 6th Annual B.C. Open Badminton Tournament concluded last Monday at the Strathcona gym.

For the ladies' doubles supremacy, undefended by last year's star Steveston duo Kochi-Sogawa, Lucy Koyangai and Fumi Deshima came through according to expectations, easily disposing of the hard-luck team Mary Saegusa and Mary Nishikawara two straight in the finals.

The smashing brother combination, Rinzo and Eizo Amemori stamped their names on the list of champions by fighting their way to the top to take the Men's B Clas Championship. It was a hard and well earned victory. Although they took the first game of the finals against Ken Watanabe and Junji Ikeno in their stride, they trailed in the second 14-10. But before the losers could get the one point needed for the victory, the champions staged a fighting rally which drew them level and gained the three points of the deuce to win going away 17-14.

The finalists in the Men's A met with very little difficulty in their advance to the top flight. Okumura-Wakabayashi disposed of game, but outclassed veterans Iwasaki - Matsui combination 15-2, 15-4, while in the other bracket the champs blew the hopes of Henry Ide and Ken Fujioka, the 'wonder team' of the meet, sky high by trimming them 15-8, 15-8. The score of the final game was 15-13, 16-18, 15-8.

Men's A Doubles
Michi Ashikawa-Johnny Tanaka.

Men's B Doubles
Rinzo Amemori-Eizo Amemori.

Ladies' Doubles
Lucy Koyanagi-Fumi Deshima.

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Steveston Are Out
Tuxis, Monarchs Tie

Hard working Maikawa hoopers, greatly strengthened by the return of sharpshooter Harry Nikaido and tall Sam Uyede, hit their former championship stride again last Wednesday and gayly trounced M & N 38-22 to win the first game of the two-out-of-three semi-final series.

After staging an exciting game for the greater part of the first half, it was M & N that blew up as Maikawa close - checked, disrupting whatever unity the losers had. It was Maikawa's game, however right from the start and not once did M & N take the lead. The score tied at 5-all at the finish of the first quarter was as close as the losers could get to the defending champions.

Harry Nikaido, absent from the Maikawa lineup for some time performed a big job by sinking 16 points while George Suzuki sparked M & N with 10 digits.

Steveston Eliminated

In the sudden-death intermediate curtain raiser, Nomads eliminated Steveston from the pennant race with a 27-12 victory. Nomads now meet East End Monarchs in a two-game total-point semi-finals.

Steveston's offensive was completely bottled up in the second half and not one of their many shots swished through the net for important tallies. The best they could do was chalk up three free throws.

Lanky Yo Nakamura and Tak Ozaki were the sharpshooters with 8 points apiece.

Juniors Tied

Junior East End Monarchs trimmed Tuxis 40-23 to move into first place tie with Tuxis for the junior league race. Eugene Fujisawa and Tom Toyama carried the offensive with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Maikawa—Uno 6, Suga 7, Mitsui, Uyede 2, Ishida 7, Nikaido 17—Total 38.

M & N—Tanaka 4, Suzuki 10, Nishio, Nobuoka 2, Takeda 5, Yamada 1—Total 22.

Steveston—D. Naruse 1, Miyashita 2, Mori, H. Mukai 4, G. Matsuba, Ichino 5, Oda, K. Mukai—Total 12.

Nomads—Nishimura 8, Fukui, Tsukamoto 6, Akiyama, Mitsui 5, Nakatani, Ozaki 8—Total 27.

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● Sport SPOTLITE

With the days getting longer and 'old Sol' emerging more regularly through the threatening black clouds, major winter sports are all eyeing the finishing line, hoping to end their schedules before real balmy weather sets in.

Cage Finals

Basketball playoffs started last Wednesday and will continue for about a month. Director Mi Akiyama was surprised to see some $2.00 and some odd cents trickle into the collection box. Of course that isn't much, but with the brand of ball played by the boys this year it could have been much worse.

Badminton

In the shuttle-busting art, director 'Mat' Matsui has lined up the final event of the year. On ... 11, 13 and 14 the B.C. ... doubles champions will be determined at the Strathcona gym.

To afford an equal chance to everybody, the meet has been divided into three sections. First ... Open which anybody can enter. The second group will be the C... This section for players in the Japanese League only. The B section will be devoted to beginners and ... Japanese or City leagues.

This Friday the G.V.A.A. ... Strathconas will play an all-important game against Shaughnessy Se... at Shaughnessy. If the local Nippons can win over the Scals they will ... cinched for the "C" Class championship.

A Letter!

I was surprised the other day to find a letter waiting for me at the office. 'Epistles' to this department are so few and far apart that when this writer sees one it looks like inviting as a strip-tease. Here it is. I expect to watch the fireworks start any moment.

Dear Sports Editor:

I was one of the audience that witnessed the awful slaughter of the highly touted (one and only) Nippons at the hands of the visiting Fife Nippons. And my deepest sympathies to the members of the te... when they realized that after all they weren't quite as good as they thought they were.

The local boys looked like a bunch of old hens trying to push around a dance thinking they are still young. They simply couldn't stand the pace set by the visitors. Everytime anybody got hold of the ball they would immediately start looking for Ashikawa to pass to. To me it looked as if Shig Ashikawa was the whole team with the rest of the players acting as mere puppets.

Yes, and where was the smooth combination, the carefully worked out plays and the clever ball-handling that the localites were supposed to possess?

There is only one conclusion—the senior leaguers aren't what they have boasted to be. Too bad!

Respectfully yours,

"Anonymous"

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Ed. Note:—Thank you very much for your biting letter Mr. Anonymous. I must say that your criticisms are a little harsh. This scribe with full authority as the league secretary would like to hit back with double barrels, but due to lack of space I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to let off all the steam I'd want to, so if you'll kindly count your days until next week, you'll be hearing from me again.

Incidentally, if there are any champions who will take the stand for the league, your comments in this column would be most welcome. Let's hear from you.

Diamond Dust On Powell Grounds Soon

By Don Sugiman

Under the chairmanship of President Roy Yamamura the Japanese Baseball League held its ninth annual meeting last Friday night at the Japanese school.

Secretary Don Sugiman presented secretarial reports and 'Rosie' Okuda gave the financial report. Both were approved without any objections. The league officials look forward to another bang-up season.

The set-up of the league this year is not definite yet, but the keynote will be youth — young players will be given every encouragement to join one of the local clubs in the league's ambition to uncover hidden talent and develop senior calibre players.

Asahi Ichigun players with the exception of Chuch Terada, Koichi Kaminishi, Tommy Sawayama and George Yoshinaka were ruled ineligible for participation in the Japanese League this season.

The officials re-elected for another season were: President, Roy Yamamura; Vice-president, Yoshio Ono; Secretary, Don Sugiman; Treasurer, Rosie Okuda.

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Crackshot Kitaguchi!
Gosh, Gals Go Goal Grabbing Grandly

For plenty of laughs and surprises you just can't beat the Cagette League. For instance, last Tuesday night, the biggest surprise of all was Sally Kitaguchi, mainstay of the Silver 7 team, who popped the mellon in from every position on the floor for a grand total of 19 points, leading her team to a 39-27 triumph over Haruko Maruno's Blubelles.

Never were baskets so plentiful as in Tuesday's game. Sally Kitaguchi, who set an all-time high total in the cagette league, single-handedly countered Haruko Maruno and Marj Kusakabe's steady point-getting that sea-sawed the lead back and forth 9 times by actual count.

In the last quarter, however, Silver 7's finished off strongly, outscoring the blue shirts 9 points to 2, leaving them wallowing in the wake.

Bluebelles—Haruko Maruno 12, Marj Kusakabe 8, Pat Kawajiri 5, Thelma Miyasaki, Amy Horisaki, Eiko Haraga 2—27.

Silver 7—May Yoshinaka 2, Sally Kitaguchi 19, Joyce Ikeda 8, Yoshi Tanaka, Chiye Yanagizawa, Marie Akiyama 8, Kimi Sugamori—39.

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